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Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DETERMINING THE POSITION OF THE  
SOLIDIFICATION POINT IN A CASTING BILLET DURING CONTINUOUS  
CASTING OF LIQUID METALS, IN PARTICULAR LIQUID STEEL WORK  
MATERIALS

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REMARKS

In response to the Notice to File Missing Requirements of June 10, 2008 (copy enclosed) in above-captioned application, enclosed is a Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed by all of the inventors. The surcharge for late filing of the Declaration in the amount of \$ 130.00 is included in the check submitted herewith.

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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371  
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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

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- Copy of the International Application filed on 07/19/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 07/19/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 07/19/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 07/19/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 07/19/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/19/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 07/19/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 07/19/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/19/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.

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